

REMARKS

Claims 6-13 and 17 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5 and 14-16 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejections in view of these amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowable Claims

Applicants acknowledge that claims 6-13 are allowable.

Rejections under 35 USC §102(b)

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Edwards et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,625,568). Claims 5 was also rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Matsumoto (U.S. Patent No. 5,610,831).

Claim 5 has been cancelled. Thus, the rejections have become moot.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

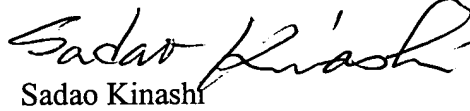
If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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